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1. AFTER SOME DELAY IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU DIRECTOR CHUNG WOO-YOUNG POL-COUNS MET WITH CHUNG MARCH 13 AND CONVEYED POINTS PARA 3 AND 4 REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS AND IN COURSE ENSUING DISCUSSION OUTLINED U.S. VIEWS ON MAJOR ISSUES BEFORE LOS CONFERENCE CONTAINED PARA 6 REFTEL.

2. IN RESPONSE CHUNG SAID THAT TIME FOR HARD NEGOTIATING AT HAND, ROKG FULLY AGREED WITH OUR GENERAL APPROACH TO CURRENT SESSION, AND THAT KOREAN DELEGATION HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED APPROACH SESSION IN CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT WITH VIEW TO REACHING SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT ON AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE. CHUNG HIMSELF HAS INSTRUCTED ROK DEL TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT
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US DEL ON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK AND TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH

U.S. HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT AT PRESENT TIME MOFA PERCEIVED ONLY TWO SIGNIFICANT POINTS ON WHICH ROK VIEWS DIVERGED IN ANY DEGREE FROM U.S.: (A) STRAITS ISSUE AND (B) QUESTION OF INNOCENT PASSAGE OF BATTLESHIPS IN TERRITORIAL WATERS. ROK POSITIONS IN BOTH CASES RELATE TO THEIR CONCERN ABOUT ALLOWING NORTH KOREAN AND OTHER COMMUNIST VESSELS INTO WATERS ADJACENT TO ROK.

3. REGARDING STRAITS ISSUE ROK CONCERN FOCUSSED ON DEFINITION OF INTERNATIONAL VS COASTAL STATE STRAIT. ROKS WILL PRESS HARD FOR LANGUAGE WHICH WILL PUT CHEJU STRAIT IN COASTAL STRAIT CATEGORY, SO AS TO RULE OUT POSSIBILITY COMMUNIST SHIPS CAN TRANSIT AT WILL THROUGH THESE WATERS. ROKS CLAIM THAT ONLY 20 INTERNATIONAL SHIPS PASSED THROUGH CHEJU STRAIT DURING 1975 AND THAT THERE CLEARLY IS REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO SOUTH OF CHEJU ISLAND. ACCORDINGLY, CHEJU STRAIT IN THEIR VIEW DOES NOT BELONG IN DEFINITION OF INTERNATIONAL STRAIT CONTAINED ARTICLES 37 AND 38 OF LOS SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT.

4. ROKS ALSO HOPE FINAL LANGUAGE OF TREATY REGARDING INNOCENT PASSAGE OF BATTLESHIPS IN TERRITORIAL SEAS CAN BE DRAWN SO THAT THEY CAN REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION AS WELL AS PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF TRANSIT OF BATTLESHIPS FROM CERTAIN NATIONS, I.E. NORTH KOREA AND OTHER COMMUNIST NATIONS WHICH ROK CONSIDERS HOSTILE.

5. IN PRESENTING ABOVE VIEWS CHUNG AT NO TIME INDICATED ROKG UNALTERABLY OPPOSED US POSITIONS AND INDEED HE EMPHASIZED HIS HOPE THAT POSSIBLE DIFFERENCES COULD BE WORKED OUT IN COURSE NEGOTIATING TREATY LANGUAGE.

6. IN COURSE CONVERSATION CHUNG ALSO REMARKED THAT ROK DEL HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TAKE POSITION IN FAVOR 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA LIMIT.
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